

SIMILE ZOLA, ISTOYELIST AND KEFOBMEB

and journeyed to London without mishap, putting up at the Grosvenor Hotel, which M. Clemenceau had recommended to him.¹ The same day (July 19) he posted the following note to Ernest Vizetelly at Merton:

" Tell nobody in the world, and particularly no newspaper, that I am in London. And oblige me by coming to see me to-morrow, "Wednesday, at Grosvenor Hotel. You will ask for M. Pascal. And, above all, absolute silence, for the most serious interests are at stake."

Vizetelly kept the appointment, and found Zola with M. Desmoulin. and M. Bernard Lazare, who had followed him to London. The last named returned to Paris immediately, but M. Desmoulin, who spoke a little English, remained with his friend for about a fortnight. The first question that arose was whether the English law would afford any facilities for the service of the sentence on Zola, and Vizetelly therefore fetched a legal friend, Mr. IT. W. Wareham,² with, whom a consultation was held at the Grosvenor Hotel. Mr. Wareham had already dealt indirectly with the Dreyfus case at a time when a mysterious adventurer had proposed to "Vizetelly to fit out a ship at Bristol, and attempt (^ Z& Captain Kettle) to rescue the prisoner from Devil's Island. Yizetelly had then had some reason to doubt the *bona fides*

¹ The account of Zola's sojourn in England will here "be brief, the "writer having already given a full one in his book " With Zola in England, a Story

of Exile/' by E. A. Yizetelly, London, Chatto, and Leipsic, Tauchnitz, 1899.
further particulars will be found in various papers by the writer: "Some Recollections of Zola" ("Pall Mall Magazine," Vol XXIX, No. 117, January, 1903) and "Zola at Wimbledon" ("Wimbledon and Merton Annual/' No. 1, 1904). A full account of the Christmas JZola spent in England (1898) was given in "M. A. P., ToL IX, p. 235:" "Emile Zola in Exile,"-by Marie Suzanne (Mrs. E. A.) Yizetelly.
² Of Messrs. G-regson, "Wareham, Waugh, and Gregson, solicitors.